



# December 15, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Dear people of God! Greetings from Fr. Cruz!

### **Igniting our lives with a blazing passion and a fiery enthusiasm**

There is an interesting legend of how a mother was cleaning the house in preparation for Christmas. Not a speck of dust was left and even all the spiders were banished from their cozy homes in the ceiling. It was Christmas eve and the Christmas Tree and the Crib was also decorated. But, at the farthest end of the attic, the spiders, after having been chased away and taken refuge in that corner, were feeling miserable. They too wished to see the Christmas Tree and especially have an encounter with Baby Jesus. But they were afraid, since the mother of the house would chase them away. The oldest spider among them, however came up with a proposal, that they could perhaps peep across the side door and have a glimpse of Baby Jesus. So, the spiders, silently crept out of the attic, down the stairs, across the floor and waited in the crack in the side door. But suddenly the door was opened by someone, and the spiders, in fear, ran to the room. But all them still desired to see the Christmas Tree from close. So, they decided to make a bold attempt.

They quietly crept over the whole Christmas tree over every branch and twig, till their desire to see its beauty was fulfilled. But to their dismay, each of them had left their webs behind. When Child Jesus saw the Christmas Tree marred by the spider webs, He was in a dilemma. On one side, he was impressed by the simple desire of the spiders, on the other side, he did not want the mother of the house to be offended. So, he touched the spider webs, and they all turned to sparkling and shimmering, silver and gold! **(This is probably the origin of hanging colorful tinsels on our Christmas Trees, and sometimes even including a spider!).**

One of the important dimensions seen in this legendary story is the intense desire of the spiders and their willingness to take the chance, be bold in their attempts and even be ready to risk their lives to have their Divine longing fulfilled. Such is to be the readiness of every Christian. Having an intense desire, being willing to take chances, being bold and ready to even risk their lives. May our Blessed Lord ignite our "often tired, dreary and weary" lives with a blazing passion and a fiery enthusiasm..... so that we may energetically prepare for His coming into our lives! The Lord will surely bless our every attempt and every desire to seek Him. We will have to leave behind..... our webs of vain desires... our webs of sinful pleasures... our webs of undue attachments. But our Master will touch all those webs and turn them to sparkling and shimmering blessings.

Yours in Christ

*Fr. Cruz*

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### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturdays ~ 5 PM  
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM  
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM  
Sundays ~ 7:30 AM—7:50 AM  
Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 4:00 PM

All other Fridays following the  
8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 9:00 AM

**Mass Intentions for the week of December 15, 2024**

Sat.	Dec. 14	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Francis Morrissey</i>
Sun.	Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Leander &amp; Dorothy Straub Family</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues.	Dec. 17	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Theodore &amp; Ethel Passer</i>
Wed.	Dec. 18	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Leander &amp; Dorothy Straub Family</i>
		6:15 PM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Buttner &amp; Schommer Families</i>
Thu.	Dec. 19	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Pajak &amp; Schroeder Families</i>
Fri.	Dec. 20	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Jerry &amp; Monica Niles</i>
		10:00 AM	FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For the repose of the soul of <i>Marie Hersil</i>
Sat.	Dec. 21	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living &amp; Deceased</i> <i>Members of the John &amp; Mary Vinopal Family</i>
Sun.	Dec. 22	8:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Gerald &amp; Beverly Steiner</i>

**Pray for the health of** Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Helen Eucolono, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Ron & Lisa M., Diane & Bill Brinkley, Jo, Nancy Albreck, Eymard Krupa, the Burzynski Family, Denise Householder, Anna Madden, Tom Schoettler, Sarah, Marie, Grace, Elsie Roberts, Kathy, John & Family, Debbie Parker, Kathryn Kurtz & family, Abby DeSanto, Linsey Casper, Jeff & Kylie J., Dave & Pam, Dakota, Mary Jo Link, Matt Pope, Judy Gregory, Cia, Mary Jo Link and Steven Slowinski.

**Pray for those in the military serving our country:** Janie Asberry, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

**We welcome Evelyn Paulina Schaller-Greenwood**, daughter of Timothy Greenwood and Kayla Schaller-Greenwood, who is being baptized this weekend. May God's blessing of peace and joy be with her all of her days!

**RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THANK YOU**  
~ Our Women and Men Religious Offer Gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

**Making a good confession is the best way to prepare** ourselves for the proper celebration of Christmas. Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be Thursday, December 19th at 7 PM.

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 7th & 8th, 2024**  
**(502 Registered Families)**

		<b>**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,173.08		\$ 4,535.00
On-Line Giving			3,132.00
Children's Envelopes	14.42		7.00
Loose Offering	480.75		544.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 8,668.25</b>		<b>\$ 8,218.00</b>

Year-to-date\* budget requirement \$208,038.00  
Year-to-date amount contributed \$198,996.15

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to current date

\*\* Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 145,783.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

**Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday	Dec.17	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face To Jesus Devotions
		7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Wednesday	Dec.18		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		7:00 PM	"Walking with Mary" Study
Thursday	Dec.19	7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Friday	Dec.20	6:30 AM	That Man Is You
		8:45 AM	Friday Folders

**"Flowers for Mary" Remembrances**

*If you would still like to remember the loss of your child please fill out one of the forms that can be found in the Gathering Area and put it in the collection or drop it off at the Rectory.*

**ANNUAL APPEAL**

Goal: \$ 43,070.00

Amount Pledged: \$14,077.50 Number of Pledgers: 46

Amount Collected: \$13,640

**Thank you to all the ladies that donated cookies**, helped package, and sell cookies. Our cookie sale was amazing! The PCCW truly appreciates it! Sincerely,

*Maryann Allaby, Organizer*

**Community Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway:** Saturday, December 21st at Bethany Lutheran Church beginning at 9 AM. 150 Christmas Dinner Boxes will be available. Please spread the word to any families that could use help with Christmas dinner this year.

**Christmas Home Blessings** ~ If you would like to have Father Cruz bless your home (and your family) during Advent, he is happy to come. Please call the rectory to schedule a time.

**This Advent Season, our 2nd Grade First Communicants have the opportunity to participate in the parish life of our church** by lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath. This weekend's students are:

- 5 PM: Jay Taylor
- 8 AM: Scarlet Cole
- 10 AM: Joey Hooker

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 14th & 15th**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Jaime Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm  
Servers: Ariana Pokorney, Isabella Kolba, Whitney Klapps  
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Erin, Whitney, Nolan Klapps  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field  
Gift Bearer: Jeri Kolba  
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Pam Zolondek  
Eucharistic Minister: Marion Koca  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, Carson Demaske  
Musicians:  
Greeters: The Becker Family  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: Chris & Bonnie Clark  
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Jennifer Sucich  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Leia Kocyan, Jensina Stevens  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner  
Greeters: Bill Thill, Volunteer  
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg  
Gift Bearers: Rob & Sandi Brandli  
Scrip Sellers: Kim Walsh, Jeri Kolba

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 21th & 22nd**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Kevin Quist  
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser  
Servers: Ryleigh & Toby Vinopal  
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga  
Greeters: Anita & Danelle Lubinski  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Jon Field  
Gift Bearers: The Vinopal Family  
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Shirley Buttner  
Eucharistic Minister: Mark Becker  
Servers: Canaan, Vivianna, & Solomon Becker  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Bridget Neitzel, Jim & Deb Bires  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Treml, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: Robert & Chelsey Turpin  
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller, Jeri Kolba

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Connie Walhovd  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Caroline, Cecilia, & Harper Marien  
Musicians: Schmitz/Choir  
Greeters: Jen, Brix, Berklee Barnharst  
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Brayden Housworth, Randy Mullenberg  
Gift Bearers: Doug & Tammy Nedza  
Scrip Sellers: Diane Kocyan, Jeri Kolba

**Christmas Memorials** in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by December 18th in time for the names to be published for Christmas. Your loved ones names will also be placed on a cardinal on the Christmas trees in the gathering area which you are free to take after Christmas.

**Fr. Cruz will be preparing a traditional Indian meal** on Friday, January 17th for 50 parishioners. If you would like to sample authentic Indian food (and check out Fr.'s cooking skills), please call the rectory to RSVP. We are limiting the number to 50 since this will be his first time cooking for a large group. Be sure to sign up early!

# 24 Hours of Adoration

**In preparation for the new year, we will be having 24 hours of Adoration beginning after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 29 and ending with Benediction at 11 AM on Monday, December 30.**

We hope that ALL parishioners will take this opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer and reflection. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to prepare your heart and soul for a new year. You can sign up individually, as a couple or as a whole family. Worship / prayer aids and reflections will be available for you to use if you would like.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area or you may email the rectory with your time choice. The time slots are in hourly increments but, if you can only come for a short time, please still sign up and indicate the time that you will be here in adoration.

Fr. Cruz asks that all parish families consider being a part of this special time. You are free to sign up for any time that works for your family.

**Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council 2770**

is spearheading an effort to replace the old and weathered Saint Patrick's Catholic Church sign on Highway 58 (Reel Brothers Harley-Davidson Dealership) with one that is identical to the newer sign placed on Highway 82 (Speedway Service Station). The total cost for the replacement sign is \$942.12, plus some peripheral costs for new support timbers and hardware. The Knights of Columbus Council membership fully intends to support the costs associated with this replacement; however, if you are willing and able to donate toward this project, please let Jennifer know or drop your donation off at the parish office. Visitors to our community will certainly appreciate your generosity!! Thank you!

## Our Savior is Born!

**Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!**

**Advent Penance Service**—Thursday, December 19—7 PM

**Christmas Eve**—Vigil Masses on Tuesday, December 24  
— 4 PM and 11 PM

(Singing of Christmas Carols beginning at 10:30 PM)

**Christmas Day**—Mass on Wednesday, December 25—10 AM

**Feast of the Holy Family**—Masses on Saturday, December 28  
—5 PM and Sunday, December 29—8 AM and 10 AM

**24 Hours of Adoration ending Mon., December 30th at 11 AM**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**—Masses on Tuesday,  
December 31 —5:30 PM and Wednesday, January 1—12 Noon

**Epiphany of the Lord**—Masses on Saturday, January 4—5 PM  
and Sunday, January 5—8 AM & 10 AM



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